

PUBLIC NOTICE

PERMIT APPLICATION: NRS #06.083

APPLICANT: U.S. Department of Transportation
Federal Highway Administration
Eastern federal Lands Highway Division
21400 Ridgetop Circle
Sterling, VA 20166-6511
703-404-6333

LOCATION: PRA-FOOT 15A32, Rehabilitation of Foothills Parkway Spur Road, Great
Smokey Mountains National Park
Sevier County

WATERSHED DESCRIPTION: The West Fork Little Pigeon River watershed is a naturally supported trout stream listed as Outstanding National Resource Water within the boundaries of the Great Smokey Mountain National Park. Although the proposed impacts are de minimus and would be normally covered under General Permit, the use of the General Permit is disallowed in Outstanding National Resource Waters. Land use near the proposed activity is national park service property. The affected tributaries are primarily cobble/bedrock bottomed and vary in width from a few feet up to 25 and lie 20 feet below the level of the existing roadbed. The existing vegetation along the streams is mixed hardwood trees. Lat. 35.73250, Long. -83.52111

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The applicant proposes to improve 4.6 miles of US Route 441. The improvements involve primarily resurfacing, overlayment, painting, inspecting and rehabilitating culverts and bridges and cleaning out depositional debris from crossings. There are 12 specific tributary crossings that were included in the assessment with only 9 requiring work near the stream (See Map). Site #2: A 6 ft. X 6 ft. box culvert has a scour hole at the outlet. Applicant proposes armoring outfall area within the scour with rock from existing fill slope. Site #3: 2 @ 6 ft. X 6 ft. box culvert has ~ 2' deep debris fill. Applicant proposes removal of debris for a length of ~ 15 ft. Site #5: 2 @ 8 ft. X 9 ft. box culvert has a scour hole at the outlet. Applicant proposes armoring outfall area within the scour with rock from existing fill slope. Site #7: 66 inch reinforced concrete pipe. Applicant proposes installing concrete liner to repair failing pipe joints. Site # 8: 72 inch reinforced concrete pipe has a scour hole at the outlet. Applicant proposes installing concrete liner to repair failing pipe joints and armoring outfall area within the scour with rock from existing fill slope. Site #9: 72 inch corrugated metal pipe has a scour hole at the outlet. Applicant proposes installing concrete liner to repair failing pipe joints and armoring outfall area within the scour with rock from existing fill slope. Site #10: 72 inch corrugated metal pipe. Applicant proposes installing concrete liner to repair failing pipe joints. Site #11: 2 @ 12 ft. X 12 ft. box culvert has a scour hole at the outlet. Applicant proposes armoring outfall area within the scour with rock from existing fill slope. Site #12: 10 ft. X 10 ft. box culvert has a scour hole at the outlet. Applicant proposes armoring outfall area within the scour with rock from existing fill slope. Standard erosion controls would be in place at all times during construction. Upon completion of the work, all disturbed areas would be stabilized.

PERMIT COORDINATOR: Brian Canada, STATE OF TENNESSEE, Department of Environment and Conservation Division of Water Pollution Control, 7th Floor, L&C Annex, 401 Church Street, Nashville, Tennessee 37243-1534.

USGS TOPOGRAPHIC QUADRANGLE: Gatlinburg, TN (157-NE), Pigeon Forge, TN (156-SE)

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: The application described above has been submitted for an Aquatic Resource Alteration Permit pursuant to *The Tennessee Water Quality Control Act of 1977*, T.C.A. §69-3-108.

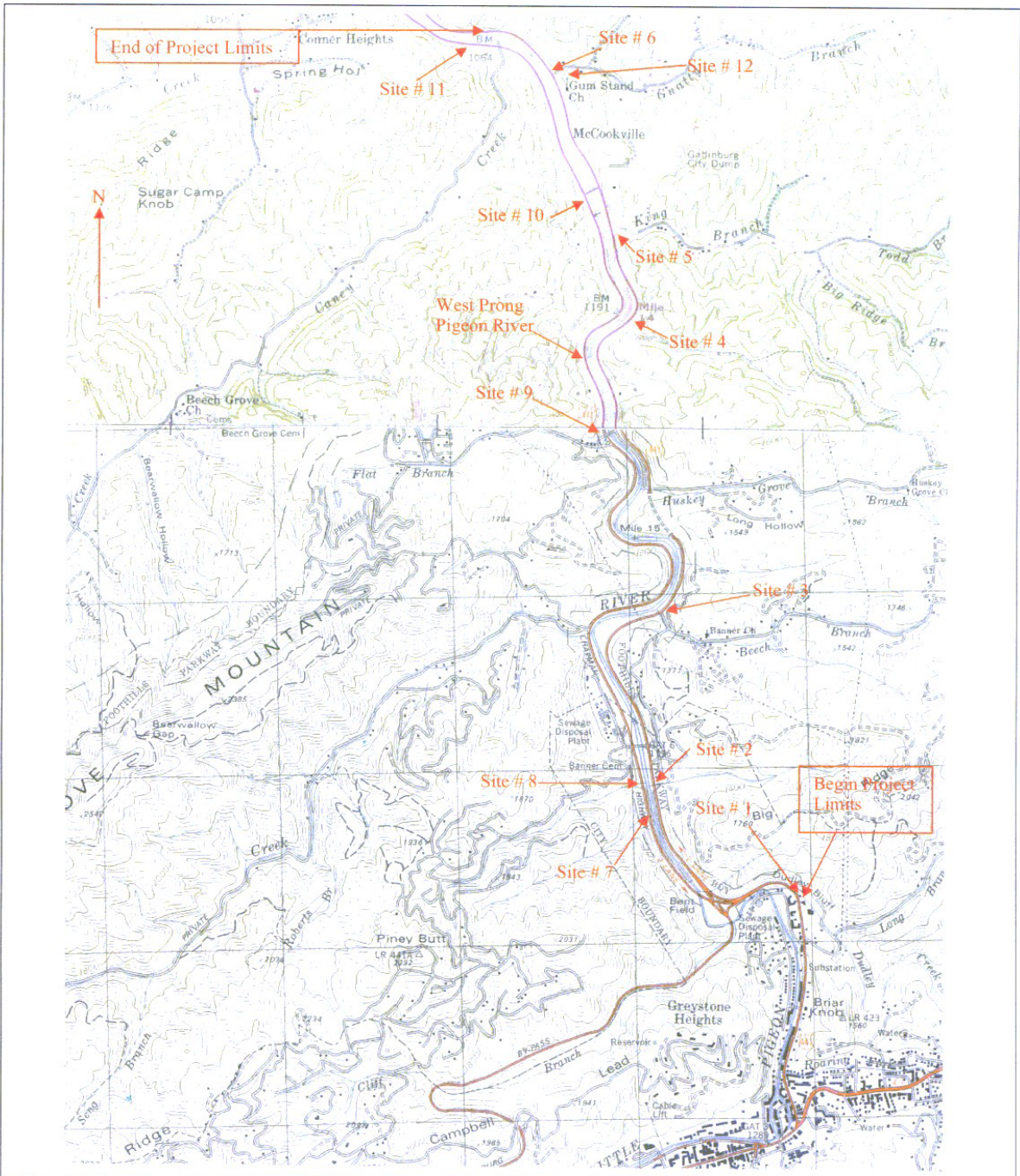
The purpose of this notice is to advise all concerned of the proposal for which a permit is sought, and to solicit comments and information necessary to evaluate the probable impact of the activities upon the respective water resources. The decision whether to issue or deny will in part be based upon that evaluation. All factors that may be relevant to the proposals will be considered.

Persons wishing to comment on or object to the issuance of a proposed permit are invited to submit comments in writing to the Department of Environment and Conservation Division of Water Pollution Control at the address listed above. Written statements received in this office on or before the date of expiration of the comment period thirty days from the publication date of this notice will become part of the record and will be considered in the determination. The applicant's name and permit number should be referenced.

Interested persons may also request in writing that the director of the Division hold a public hearing on any application. The request must be filed within the comment period and must indicate the interest of the person requesting it, and the reasons that the hearing is warranted. When there is sufficient public interest, the director shall hold a hearing in accordance with Rule 1200-4-7-.04(4)(f).

After consideration of comments submitted during the public comment period, the hearing record if any, and the requirements of federal and State law, the director of the Division will make determinations regarding the final action on each permit. Permit applications, supporting documentation, and related comments are available for review and/or copying.

In accordance with the Tennessee Antidegradation Statement (Rule 1200-4-3-.06), the division has determined that the proposed activity will not result in degradation to water quality.



Title		Location Map		
Aquatic Resources Alteration Permit	Project	Gatlinburg Spur of the Foothills Parkway (US 441)		
	Date	01/10/06	Project Number	PRA-FOOT 15A32
			Figure	1

